

24 *The Whitsuntide-Gift: or,*
in the heathen World, when every Nation
had its Idol, and some of them worshipped
many Idols, the Commandment was high-
ly necessary.

The second Commandment:

*Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven
Image, nor the Likeness of any Thing that is
in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath,
or in the Waters under the Earth, thou shalt
not bow down to them, nor worship them,
for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God,
visiting the Sins of the Fathers upon the Chil-
dren unto the third and fourth Generation of
them that hate me, and shewing Mercy unto
Thousands in them that love me, and keep
my Commandments.*

Here we are commanded to receive and
observe all the religious Worship and Ordi-
nances which God hath appointed, and not
to carve or make for ourselves any Image to
represent God, which would be the utmost
Presumption; for how can that divine Be-
ing be represented who fills all Space, and
who never can be seen or known to Mortals,
but by the immense and amazing Works of
his

The way to be very HAPPY. 25
his Creation, and his holy Word contained
in the sacred Scriptures.

The third Commandment:

*Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord
thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold
him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.*

How can you be so daring and presump-
tuous, as to call upon the Lord in your
common Discourse, and in your Play, as I
heard you just now, when he has so strictly
commanded you not to take his Name in
vain? Is the awful Name of the Almighty
God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, and
of all Things we see, to be called upon in
settling your Disputes about Bats and
Balls, and such ridiculous Trifles? Fie, for
Shame! And what is yet more horrible, is
your wantonly swearing by the Name of
God, and sometimes swearing to confirm a
Lie. This is calling down Judgment with
aVengeance; and if God Almighty was not
all merciful and good, you could not hope
to speak, or to breathe, after thus breaking
his divine Law, and prostituting and prophane-
ing his most sacred and holy Name, I will
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